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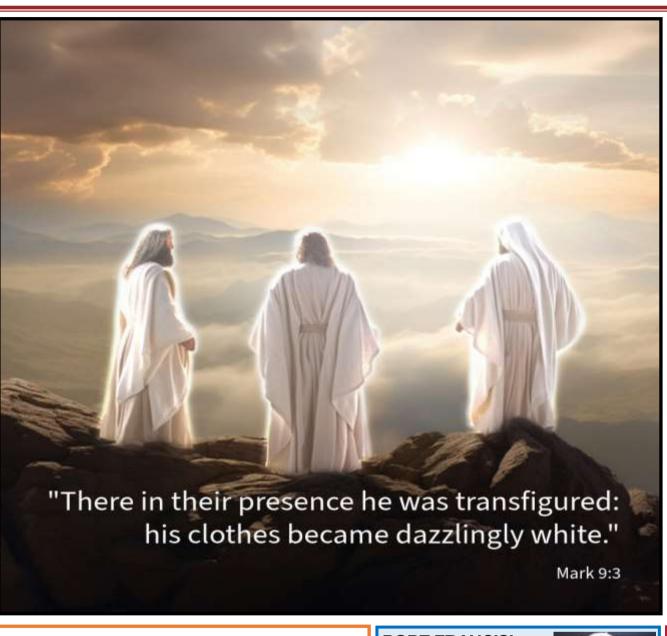
SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING YEAR OF PRAYER





Lenten Prayer

Dear God,
During Lent help us
to keep our eyes on Jesus.
Help us to spend more time talking
and listening to you.
Help us to share what we have with
others and be sorry for times we have
done wrong.

Amen.



Baptisms at Pymble Parish

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Monday, 11 March 2024 at 7pm Sacred Heart Church

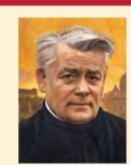
Bookings are essential

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

A warm welcome to all our Parishioners who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend.



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis
Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God
known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the
means your love inspires. You filled him with universal
apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence,
with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to
Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to
follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray to you for my special needs (include your personal intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS **Email:** fr.irek@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Youtube: youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech



Youtube QR code:

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Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Weekend:

Sunday: 9:30am and 6:00pm

Reconciliation:

Friday 8:45am

Sunday 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30 am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073 Postal address: PO BOX 231 Turramurra NSW 2074

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4pm &

Friday 8.30am to 1pm

For information about Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Kerry Paxton **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2142 www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101



Do you have 30 minutes a week to teach children about the Word of God and how much He loves us?

We need catechists to support children in our six public schools with their faith formation.

Training, teacher manuals, colourful student workbooks and other resources are provided: no experience required.

If you are retired, at university, have flexible working arrangements or just seeking a way to give back to the community: please join us.

Our mission is for one catechist for one-year group.

Schools with catechist assignments across one or more year groups:

Gordon East Public School Tuesday: 9:15-9:45am

> **Gordon West Public School** Tuesday: 12:30-1:00pm

Turramurra Public School Wednesday: 9:15-9:45am Wednesday: 9:55-10:25am

West Pymble Public School Wednesday: 1:15-1:50pm

Pymble Public School Wednesday: 1:40-2:10pm Wednesday: 2:15-2:45pm

Turramurra High School

Please consider joining this wonderful Ministry.

Contact Michele at 0409 651 637 or michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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Rite of Election

The Rite of Election takes place each year on the First Sunday of Lent. Catechumens indicate their desire to join the Church by signing the Book of the Elect, giving them the title "members of the elect". Last

Sunday, Sristy Shrestha from our Parish was recognised at the Rite of Election at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara. We continue to pray for Sristy as she prepares herself for her Sacraments.

Photographed (from the right): Roman Pazniewski (RCIA Coordinator), Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Sristy Shrestha and her husband Arran O'Brien



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 25 February Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 27 February

Collect of St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 28 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 29 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

7:00pm Pymble Men's Fellowship Meeting

Friday, 1 March

7.00pm

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by

Stations of the Cross SH

the First Friday Devotion with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 24 February

9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by the

First Saturday Devotion with Adoration and Prayers for New Vocations to the Priesthood and

Religious Life

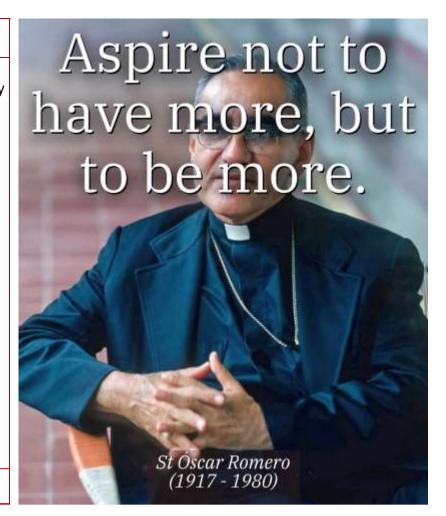
9:30am Stations of the Cross

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 25 February
Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses



Parish Prayer Zone

Praying for others gets our focus off ourselves and onto the needs of those around us. As we "carry each other's burdens," we "will fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Praying for each other makes us stronger and helps us to grow our faith and Christian love.

Recently Deceased:

Monica Wheeler, Lucy Sibyl Orenstein, Teresa Ramirez, Elizabeth George, Phuong Dung Le, David Gardener, Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Bruce Fisher, Desmond Buckley, Seema Shrestha Thapa, Vivienne Fernandes, Colleen Hussin, Charlotte Dos

Death Anniversaries:

Andrew Patterson, Kerry Oei, Antonius Djunaidi, Margaretha Hetty, Trenna Scanlan, Orfeo Calacoci, Bambi Hontanosas, Antonio Canete, Nora Leguin, Peter Goh, Kwong Tsui Tso, Jason Dias, Silvya Albert, Charles & Joan Bernie, erlinda Guyot & Elena Yu, Vicente Tan Snr & Rosario Tan, Veronica Schreuder, Les Cashman, Lydia Tan, Manuel Tan, Simeon Lagura, Catalina Lagura, Paula Freeman

Prayers for the sick:

Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Paul Lum, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for all of us during the Season of Lent. May our prayer and reflection, fasting and almsgiving bring us renewal, reconciliation and closer unity with Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.

Parish Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners,

We take our responsibility to safeguard the vulnerable, whether they be children, the young, the elderly or the disabled very seriously. We work to ensure that no one is taken advantage of within our Parish.

If you have any concern about the treatment of a child, young person or anyone within our parish environment, please approach myself directly or Daniela Foote within the parish office on 02 9144 2702.

Children, the young, and the vulnerable must be safe

Supported by adults who ...

CARE

for us as we are a precious gift from God

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Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ana Cosi, Safeguarding Manager (Chancery & Churches) on 02 8379 1651.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS



Friday, March 1st

Mass at 11 am

Sacred Heart Church, Pymble
followed by a burial at 12.45 pm

Macquarie Park Cemetery

Fr Ireneusz will be away

Fr Irek will be away for a short break from next **Monday, 19 February** to Friday, 1 March. During that period, we will have:

Fr Reinaldo Vassoler CS, Scalabrinian from Mosman

Fr Jumbim Torres OSA, Augustinian community from Manly Vale

Fr Michael Belonio OSA, Augustinian community from Brookvale

Fr Percival Sevare OSA, Augustinian community from Brookvale

visiting to assist us with Masses and Baptisms. We are most grateful for their assistance during this period. Please help us make our visiting priests welcome.

If you need assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacred Heart School Opening Mass

Sacred Heart School celebrated their Opening Mass last Friday. Fr Irek celebrated Mass and commissioned the 2024 Student Leaders of the school. It was so beautiful to see family and friends gather for such a special and joyous occasion.







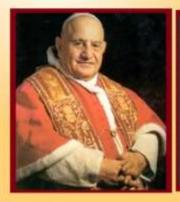
Defibrillators at Our Churches

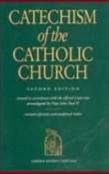
Our new defibrillators have now been installed at both our Churches. They are now located in the Sacristy of both Sacred Heart and OLPS. Thank you to those who have so generously donated to these.

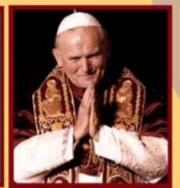




Gift a Catechism







Just \$20 will buy a Catechism for a high school student at Turramurra High School (Year 7-10) taught by Pymble Parish Catechists.

The students will be given their own Catechism to keep and use in class.

All donations go to purchase a Catechism. The target is \$1,000.

Can You Help?

Please support the Catechists and the teenagers we teach at Turramurra High School. Whatever you can afford, would be greatly appreciated.



Please help support this important initiative by donating via the link or QR code



tinyurl.com/ycx4fa7y

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Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.



After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Parish Golf Day - Save the Date 15 March

Mark your calendars for the Parish Golf Day now confirmed for 15 March. The event is expected to follow a similar format to last year. We will provide further details in due course.

Confirmation at Pymble 2024

At Baptism, your child began a lifelong journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Confirmation

Confirmation is open to children, who are aged 8 and above (in Year 3 and above), who have been baptised Catholic.

The important dates are presented as follows:

Parent & Candidate Information Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, 4 April

6:30pm

Sacred Heart Church

• Preparation Program:

1st Parish-facilitated group

Two formation sessions (Parishfacilitated or home-based parent driven group)

Saturday, 6 April at 2pm & 4pm Sunday, 7 April at 10:30am Sacred Heart Church

2nd Parish-facilitated group

Saturday, 4 May at 2pm & 4pm Sunday, 5 May at 10:30am Sacred Heart Church

Presentation Mass

Saturday, 6 April or Sunday, 7 April at

any Mass, either Church

Practice

Thursday, 23 May

Sacred Heart (Time to be confirmed)

Service

Sunday, 26 May 11:30am or 1:30pm Sacred Heart Church

Registration for Confirmation will open on <u>1 March 2024</u> via the following link: https://www.trybooking.com/CMDHX

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

JOB VACANCY

Sacramental Coordinator

The Parish is seeking to appoint a casual role sacramental coordinator located at the Parish office in Pymble

Application:

Please send your cover letter and CV to the Parish Office at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Further information and the full job description is available at the link below

tinyurl.com/zn2naczc

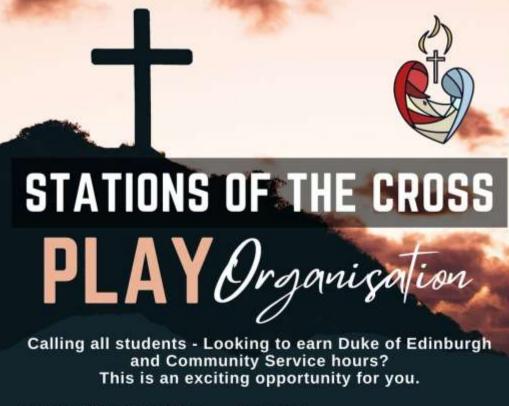
Applications close on Friday, 1 March 2024

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After Tea at OLPS - Saturday, 2 March

We will be having afternoon tea at OLPS after the 5pm Mass at OLPS on Saturday, 2 March. Come join us for a hot drink, cake and fellowship.





Stations of the Cross Play Date: Friday, 29 March 2024 Time: 9:30am at Pymble and 11:30am at West Pymble

We provide the script and costumes - all you need to do is coordinate the children, hold one rehearsal the week prior and guide them on the day. It's a fantastic way to contribute to our community while earning those valuable program service hours.

The Role:

Coordinate participants at rehearsal Guide the event on the day Oversee costume distribution

Ready to make a difference? Respond by Monday, 4 March 2024 to secure your spot. A brief orientation session will provide all the details.

Contact the parish office on 02 9144 2702 or by email at: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Don't miss out on this opportunity to combine service with a meaningful experience.

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LECTIO: MARY

The Bible and the Mother of God With Dr Brant Pitre



INVITATION

You are invited to join our eight part **Mary** series based on the Lectio program by Dr Brant Pitre.

TOPICS

The Mary program topics include:

- The New Eve
- The New Ark
 Mother of the Messiah
- The Queen Mother
 The Perpetual Virgin
- Mother of Sorrows
- The New Rachel
 Question & Answer

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:



(02) 9144 2702

CONTEXT

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? We examine what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

JOIN IN

Please join in with this opportunity to learn, share your thoughts and to get to know others in our Parish community.

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings Starting: 27 February 2024 Sacred Heart Church Pymble

DR BRANT PITRE

Dr Brant Pitre is Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at the Augustine Institute, Graduate School of Theology.



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Entrance Antiphon Psalm 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me | Jesus took with him Peter and James and John your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the shall seashore. Your descendants gain | possession of the gates of your enemies. All the a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your they looked round, they saw no one with them obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

- I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
- Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; 2. You have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- My vows to the Lord I will fulfil 3. before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8: 31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is

This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel <u>Mark 9: 2-10</u>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Gospel Reflection

The Lord Jesus reveals his glory in fulfilling his Father's will

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2,3).

When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (see Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles -Peter, James, and John.

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his Son because he obeyed. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8). Jesus is the True Temple come down from heaven who reveals the glory of God to us (John 1:14 and John 2:19, Matthew 12:6), and who opens the way for us to worship the living God in spirit and truth (John 4:21-26).

The Lord wants to share his glory with each of

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the glory and blessings of my Father's kingdom - your names will be written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

Jesus succeeded in his mission because he willingly went to Calvary (where he offered up his life for us on the cross), so that Paradise (our true dwelling place with God) would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us. If we hope to share fully in his glory, we, too, must follow him in the way of the cross - by dying to sin and embracing his will for our lives. This is the only true path that leads to everlasting peace and joy with God.

Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory.

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Please scan the QR Code to watch Father Irek's **Homily for this Sunday**



Pymble Parish Roster 2/3 March 2024			
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm	
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	A Wahab	
Altar Servers	H & A Liceralde	F Seeto	
Music			
Projector			
Readers	V Waggett / E Johnston	L Menzies	
Altar Society	2 March: Jo / Carmel		
Counters	3 March: J Li / T Scanlan / M Tang		

OLPS	Saturday	Sunday
(West Pymble)	5.00pm	8.ooam
Acolytes	G Lynch	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	D'Silva Family
Readers	B Nairn	A Leung
Music and Projector		QUIET MASS
Altar Cloth	2 March: A Glover	

Children's Corner

Draw a line from each of the following statements to either Moses of Elijah.



God's law was revealed to him

He challenged King Ahab for worshiping a false god

A great prophet mentioned in the first book of Kings

He rescued God's people from Egypt

Moses

Elisha became his successor

He became the leader of the Israelites



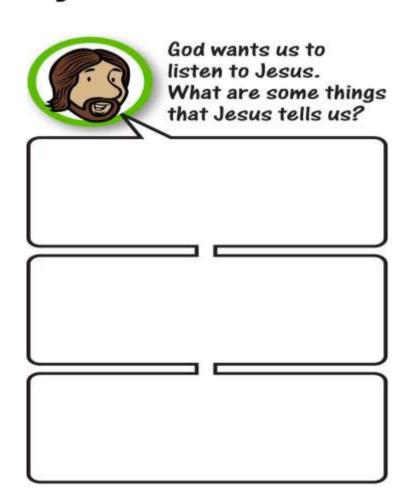


Elijah

The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain.

They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard
the voice of God. Draw a picture of the Transfiguration.





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